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Dear Region VI Colleague:

Below is a news release from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that might be of interest to your organization. In addition DHS now has a web site [www.dhs.gov/grants](http://www.dhs.gov/grants) where you can check for grant opportunities from DHS and several other federal agencies. There may be something you can utilize in one of these grant programs, particularly when it comes to the emphasis areas of security and public safety.

Sincerely,

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**\*\* \$2.2 Billion in First Responder Grants Now Available \*\***

Secretary Tom Ridge announced the allocation of over \$2.2 billion dollars in grant funding from the Office for Domestic Preparedness. For the first time, states and local governments can apply online using a single form as a "one-stop-shop" application for three different programs: the State Homeland Security Program, the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, and Citizen Corps.

"No longer will our state and local partners have to go to different places within the department to apply for terrorism-related funding," said Secretary Ridge. "State and local communication and coordination, after all, reflect the very nature of homeland security, the federal government working with the home towns of America to keep our country safe and free." Secretary Ridge traveled to Charleston, West Virginia, where he announce the allocation of more than \$24 million in grants for that state's first responders. These funds are specifically designated for each of the three programs associated with the new streamlined process.

In addition to the single application, DHS is launching an interagency grants and training website [www.dhs.gov/grants](http://www.dhs.gov/grants). This website provides information on homeland security and public safety grant opportunities offered by DHS and other federal departments and agencies including HHS, DOJ, and the EPA.